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G.I. Kills Comrade, But Wanted To "Get" His C.O.

FAIRBANKS, (AP)—Ladd Air Force Army officials disclosed Saturday that a 19-year-old Lomita, Calif., youth was shot at the air base Wednesday night by a soldier they said was "waiting to get the battery commander."

Victim of the shooting was Pvt. Ralph E. Carlton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burl C. Carlton, San Pedro, Calif.

Charged with Carlton's slaying is Pvt. Bryant Read, 19, of Los Angeles. Both men were members of Battery B, 93rd Antiaircraft Battalion.

An official report of the incident said Read held a duty officer, 2nd Lt. August Englehart, and 15 enlisted men at bay in the orderly room from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesday. Read was quoted as saying he did not want to hurt them but wanted to "get the captain."

At gunpoint he forced Lt. Englehart to phone the captain's quarters every hour but the battery commander, whose name was not released, was not at home.

When Pvt. Carlton refused to have his hands tied and argued that Read was bluffing, Read began firing, the report said. Five bullets hit Carlton's body, the sixth nicked his shoulder. Read then surrendered to the others.

Read later signed a statement saying he was displeased with the battery commander was conducting the unit.

Darkness Overtakes Search For Alaska Fishing Boat Sinking Near Honolulu

HONOLULU, (AP)—Darkness last night overtook a search for the "Brothers," a well-known Alaska, and Puget Sound fishing boat which radioed Sunday morning she was sinking 70 miles northwest of Honolulu.

No trace of the boat or the two men aboard had been found but the search continued with surface ships and radar planes. The missing boat was carrying a large life raft.

The two men were Arthur Ottness, 37, and his cousin, John Ottness, 39, of Tacoma.

Ten Little Girls Killed In Spain In Rush To See Show In Church Basement

MIRANDA DE EBRO, Spain, (AP)—This northern Spanish city went into full mourning today for the mass funeral of 10 little girls killed yesterday by a crowd of children stampeding into a church basement for a theatrical show.

Offices were closed and flags were flown at half mast.

More than 300 hundred children were lined up impatiently waiting for a Christmas holiday program to start in a theater in the basement of the church. They started pushing and the doors flew open. Girls in the front, ranging in age from 6 to 12, were crushed, trampled underfoot and smothered.

AEC Head Says U.S. Leading Reds In Nuclear Field

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Chairman Lewis L. Strauss of the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) said today the United States is "making very rapid and satisfactory progress" and continues to lead Russia in the nuclear weapons field.

Asked in a copyrighted interview with the Magazine U.S. News and World Report whether this country is "substantially ahead of Soviet Russia" in the atomic arms race, Strauss replied:

"Yes. We started sooner. We have more material to experiment with. We have more facilities. We believe we have more of these very large experimental machines. But, since I can't look behind the Iron Curtain, I can't be absolutely certain. Most importantly, we have a devoted group of free men at work on the problems."

Strauss said the nation now has about \$1½ billion dollars invested in its atomic energy business, and the present program contemplates spending of about half a billion dollars more on plants and equipment.

"Then," he said, "we will be running along with an operating expenditure of about two billion dollars a year . . . for as long as one can foresee."

Asked whether the world is getting more radioactive as more and more atomic tests are conducted, Strauss said "Yes, but not significantly."

Red Cross To Collect \$85 Million In Fund Raising Campaign

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The Red Cross has fixed as targets for its fund raising campaign starting next March the collection of 85 million dollars and the enlistment of 30 million members.

Announcing the figures yesterday, Red Cross chairman E. Roland Harriman said the organization's budget estimates include \$36,640,000 for services to the armed forces and veterans, \$14,237,000 for delivery of blood and its derivatives to the sick and injured, \$5,127,000 for disaster work and \$6,135,000 for first aid, water safety and nursing training programs.

Vancouver Jaycees Offer Real Comic Books In Trade For 'Horror' Books

VANCOUVER, B.C., (AP)—More than 8,000 comic books went up in flames in a weekend civic demonstration against the crime and horror types.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce offered a historical, animal or nature lore book for every 10 crime or horror "comics" turned in a downtown park. The enthusiastic response from the youngsters surprised even the sponsors. A J.C. leader described it as "a slightly melodramatic gesture" to put the spotlight on undesirable reading material for children.

U.N. Waits For Red Reply To Dag Hammarskjold

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., (AP)—U.N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold and his aides settled down today to a spell of watchful waiting for an answer from Red China on Hammarskjold's proposed free-the-fliers trip to Peiping.

There was not comment immediately from U.N. officials on a Peiping Radio broadcast early today asserting the United Nations "has no right to interfere with China's sentencing of the American spies."

The broadcast, monitored in Tokyo, made no direct reference to Hammarskjold's cable to Premier Chou En-Lai Friday night proposing that they meet in Peiping soon after Dec. 26 to discuss the case of the fliers and all other U.N. personnel still held captive.

The radio blast repeated Peiping's previous charges, which the Soviet Union had aired in the U.N. Assembly, that the jailed Americans had "sneaked into China by air to carry out espionage" and that "it is China's . . . sovereign right of punishing spies."

In authorizing Hammarskjold to seek the release of the airmen and other imprisoned U.N. personnel, the U.N. Assembly approved the U.S. contention they were prisoners of war entitled to release under the Korean armistice.

Regarding Peiping's failure so far to reply to Hammarskjold's cable, a U.N. spokesman said last night the secretary general would not be disappointed if several days elapsed before a formal answer came.

"The answer may come directly, it may come roundabout," the spokesman said.

Alabama Atty. General, In Mental Hospital, Is Charged With Murder

GALVESTON, Tex., (AP)—Alabama's attorney general, Silas Garrett III, today was served with a fugitive warrant charging he killed Albert L. Patterson, attorney-general elect of Alabama.

Garrett is being treated for a mental and physical condition at a hospital here.

Jules Damiana, first assistant Galveston County atty. said the fugitive warrant charged Garrett "unlawfully and with malice aforethought killed Albert L. Patterson by shooting him with a gun."

Doctors at the hospital where Garrett is being treated have said he is too sick to be moved.

Garrett is a central figure in the notorious Phenix City, Ala., cleanup.

Patterson, who crusaded against vice, in his election campaign, was killed last June 18.

Garrett, member of an aristocratic Alabama family, also faces trial under a vote fraud indictment in connection with the primary election in which Patterson won the nomination.

Garrett also is under lunacy charges.

Truman Says GOP Foreign Policy Is What He Set Up

PHILADELPHIA, (AP)—Former President Harry Truman said today America's foreign policy under the Republican Eisenhower administration "is just what I set up."

He told a news conference that in some ways the foreign policy program isn't working quite as well because "we've lost a lot of friends with fool statements by people in high places."

He didn't identify the statements nor the people, but he repeated that the Eisenhower foreign policy and the Truman foreign policy are similar: "Continued support of the United Nations for peace in the world."

The ex-President came to Philadelphia, home of the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall, to do two things:

1. Present a priceless portrait of Benjamin Franklin to Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay for permanent exhibition at Independence Hall.

2. Attend a testimonial \$70-a-plate dinner tonight, the proceeds of which will go toward establishment of the Harry S. Truman Library in Independence, Mo.

He had an answer for every question, said he "hoped" the Republican Party would split in two but added that he was "afraid it won't."

He said he still supports Adlai Stevenson for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1956.

He said President Eisenhower will "have a much easier time with the Democratic Congress than I did with a Republican Congress because the Democrats want to be helpful and will be helpful."

New Salk Polio Vaccine To Be Made Available To Nation's 1st, 2nd Graders

NEW YORK, (AP)—The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis intends to make the Salk vaccine available for all of the nation's first and second grade pupils if last summer's tests show the drug is effective.

The announcement was made by the foundation yesterday. The University of Michigan is conducting evaluation of the tests and the report on the study is expected next spring.

Last Friday, Dr. Jonas Salk of Pittsburgh, the discoverer of the vaccine, said he has new evidence that his vaccine can create powerful, long-lasting protection against polio. He also said current experiments in the polio work might lead to the vaccine's giving long-term protection against the common cold and influenza.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., (AP)—A YWCA group singing Christmas carols here noticed something slightly off.

A little investigation disclosed that one girl, from even deeper in the south, was adding a word to the opening of the carol.

She sang: "O lil' ol' town of Bethlehem . . ."

Larson Reindeer Herd Has Rough Trip To Candle

Word has been received from Pete Larson of the arrival Dec. 1 at Candle of his herd of approximately 800 reindeer, accompanied by Pete and his two sons, James and Pete Jr., as herders.

Pete reports a tough trip with constant storms along the 110-mile route from Selawik Lake, the point of origin. It was from the Government herd of 3,500 deer grazed in this district that the Larsons cut out their 800 deer, slightly over a month ago, and began their 400-mile drive to Nome and the future home range of this transplanted band of reindeer.

Pete further reports the loss of one of his ten sled dogs by choking; also that he is driving two sled deer in addition to the dog team.

The general health of the travelers, including the deer, is good and the caravan is enroute to Taylor in the upper Kougarak, where supplies will be brought to them by plane.

Academy Award Winner Broderick Crawford Arrested for Drunkenness

WEST LOS ANGELES, (AP)—Police arrested actor Broderick Crawford for drunkenness yesterday after the rented car he, another actor and actress Abigail Adams were in, smashed into a fence.

Miss Adams, the other actor, Myron McCormik, 47, New York, and Crawford, 44, were booked as plain drunk and later released on \$20 bail each pending Municipal Court appearance today.

Police said Crawford, winner of an Academy Award, was arrested with Miss Adams as they sought to call a taxi from a Mandeville Canyon home. They said McCormick was arrested in the auto nearby.

Officers said the trio told them they had attended an all-night party, drove into Mandeville Canyon by mistake, and were attempting to find their way out when the auto hit a fence.

When arrested, Miss Adams was barefooted. Police said they found a pair of women's shoes and a fur coat in the car.

Pope Pius Weaker Today

VATICAN CITY, (AP)—Reliable informants in the Vatican said Pope Pius XII was somewhat weaker today, but a later official statement said his condition had showed a slight improvement.

Any change for the worse in his condition would be the first since the collapse which brought him near death on Dec. 2. He has made a slow, but steady, gain ever since.

The reports, unofficial but reliable, from within the Vatican said the Pope was having difficulty in getting food down and seemed to be feeling the strain of Sunday's big event—consecration of his good friend Msgr. Giovanni Battista Montini as Archbishop of Milan.